

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Open Minutes

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: March 28, 2024
Convened: 10:02 am
Adjourned: 11:45 am
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Brian Berg Jr, Chair
Christy Crites, Vice-Chair
Myles Alexander, Public Member
Katherine Au, Member
Kevin Burke III, Member
Gale Jamison, Member
Jennifer Kuether, Member
Sean Middleton, Member
Justan Mann, Member
Richard Rivera, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Roy Cepero, IDFPR Investigator
Ronald Almiron, IDFPR General Counsel

Guests Present: Kim Robinson, ISPE

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

1. Board Member comments Chairperson Berg Jr. thanked everyone for attending and asked if any of the members had any comments. Hearing none, he asked the new members to introduce themselves.

Justan Mann shared that he has been licensed since 2001 and is the Deputy Director of Highways at IDOT.

Katherine Au shared that she has been licensed since 2012 and is the Materials Manager at TranSystems.

Jennifer Kuether shared she has been a professional electrical engineer for 23 years and is happy to be part of the Board.

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Myles Alexander shared that he owns a marketing company, a licensed Barber and an Associate Pastor at Destiny Church.

The remaining members introduced themselves and welcomed the new members to the Board.

2. Guest comments

Kim Robinson shared ISPE is planning for their annual conference on July 18 -19th.

3. Licensing Manager Report

A. Board Overview

Mr. Lazell shared an overview of the Board functions.

B. Legislative Update

1. HB 5608
2. SB 3767
3. SB 2909

HB 5608

Mr. Lazell shared that this bill has been assigned to the executive committee as of March 20, 2024.

SB 3767

Mr. Lazell shared that this bill had its third reading on March 22, 2024, in the Senate, and was passed and sent directly to the House.

SB 3767

Mr. Lazell shared that this bill has been referred to committee and will most likely be “stalled.”

C. Rules Update

Mr. Lazell shared that the department is awaiting the outcome of SB 3767 to submit the final version of the draft Rules to the associations for comment.

He also provided the Board with draft language for consideration to add specific language to the Endorsement section that allows the Board to require passage of the NCEES exams for foreign candidates, if the Board feels it is necessary as a result of their review of the applicant’s credentials.

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Crites) to approve the recommended language to be added to the Endorsement section, subject to legal counsel review. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

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4. Review of Open Minutes The Board reviewed the Minutes of the January 18, 2024, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Yockey) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as amended. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

5. Ongoing Business *None brought before the board.*

6. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee

Kevin Burke III, shared the Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the March 2024 meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 9, Closed 4, Referred to prosecutions 0
SE: Opened 2, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 0
PE: Opened 10, Closed 5, Referred to prosecutions 0
LS: Opened 2, Closed 0, Referred to prosecutions 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 25
SE – 10
PE – 33
LS – 6

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect - 28
Land Surveyor - 4
Professional Engineer -19
Structural Engineer – 6

7. New Business

A. NCEES Central Zone - Update

Mr. Lazell shared that he contacted the new members to see if anyone was interested in attending the Central Zone meeting as there were available funded positions available.

Justan Mann and Katherine Au both indicated they were interested and will be attending alongside Christy Crites.

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B. NCEES Annual Meeting – Delegate selection Mr. Lazell shared that the NCEES Annual meeting will be held August 14-17 in Chicago, IL. Three delegates of the Board are eligible to attend as are any new members appointed since 2022 who have not yet attended.

The Board discussed and Christy Crites, Gale Jamison, Rick Rivera will be the delegates for the Board. Katherine Au, Myles Alexander, Justan Mann, and Jennifer Kuether will attend under the new member funding.

Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Burke/Jamison) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:15 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

8. Closed Session: A. Review of Closed Minutes
The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the January 18, 2024, meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion
The Board reviewed one application pursuant to Sections 1380.242, 1380.250 and 1380.280 of the Rules for the Administration of the Illinois Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989.

Moved back into Open Session: The Board Chair moved the meeting back into Open Session at 11:31 am.

9. Motions, Reminders, and Signatures:

Accept Recommendations: Motion was made, seconded (Burke/Jamison) to accept the recommendations made in closed session. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

Approve closed minutes & keep closed minutes closed: Motion was made, seconded (Crites/Middleton) to approve the closed meeting minutes as presented and keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Reminders Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting scheduled is on May 30, 2024.

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10. Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Rivera) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a quorum of members.